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## APPLICATION

8642-66425

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Louisiana Office of Conservation  
P.O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: J-5 Zone, Reservoir B  
Southeast Pass Field  
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters in the **J-5 Zone, Reservoir B**, in the **Southeast Pass Field**, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated J-5 RB SU A;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;

3. To provide that any future wells drilled to the J-5 Zone, Reservoir B, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the J-5 Zone, Reservoir B, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The J-5 Zone, Reservoir B, in the Southeast Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 7,128 feet and 9,877 feet, electrical log measurements, in the Humble Oil & Refining Company – State Lease 5003 No. 1 Well, located in Section 30, Township 22 South, Range 21 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference tentatively scheduled for November 30, 2006, **WILL NOT BE HELD**, as it was not requested within the delays provided for by the Rules of Procedure; therefore, no opposition to this Application at the hearing is anticipated.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, by contacting Louis Gilbert & Associates, 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana 70002, (504) 834-8112.

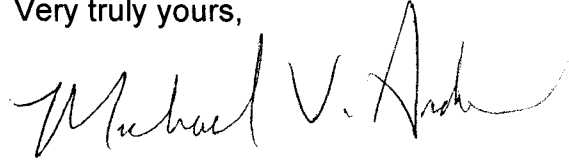
There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Honorable James H. Welsh  
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael V. Ardoin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

MICHAEL V. ARDOIN

MVA/elg/fsc

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager  
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties and  
Represented Parties

